

CADventures

Information for users of AutoCAD

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News to KNOW

Land Development Desktop Project Path

If you are using AutoCAD Land Development Desktop, you've probably learned you can create and use Projects from any folder, not just P:\Sdskproj\ like in Softdesk. Here are the settings we would like to see you use:

Project Location Path:

P:\<park>\<project>\<revision>

Project Name:

LDD-<park>\<project>\<revision>

For example, if you were using LDD in the following drawing:

P:\Grte\328z\06\Bases\X-Topo.dwg

Your Project settings would be:

Project Location Path:

P:\Grte\328z\06

Project Name:

LDD-Grte328z06

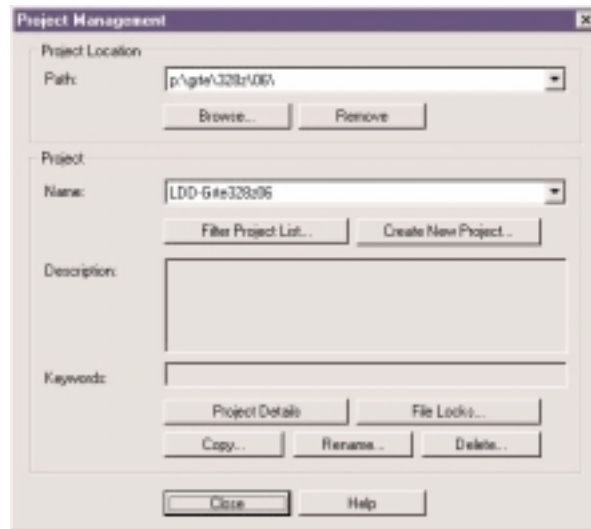
Using the above procedures, we

resolve two issues: 1. The LDD

project files are stored under the park/project/revision folder, so archiving is easy. 2. Each LDD project on the P: drive will be uniquely named, otherwise LDD gets confused.

If you have questions, comments or concerns, please call.

Thanks!



Things to TRY

CSWAP - Change Colors Automatically

Using CSWAP, you can automatically change colors of objects or layers in your drawing. Here are a couple of possible uses:

1. Change all objects in your drawing to color BYLAYER. This also works with objects within blocks. In AutoCAD, type CSWAP<enter>, then select the S:\SUPPORT\BYLAYER.CSF file. This file has been setup to change object of colors 1 thru 255 to BYLAYER. The color of each object will assume the color of it's layer. Using BYLAYER.CSF, The layer colors are not changed.

2. Change object and layer colors from one standard to another. For example, you have a series of drawings that use color 5 (blue) for wall lines which plot as a Rapidograph #5 (very wide). You need to change all layer or object colors that are 5 to color 7. Solution: make your own .CSF file specifying this conversion. To learn more about making .CSF files, in AutoCAD click **NPS > Command Add-ons** from the pull down menu, select the **cswap** comand, then click **Details**.

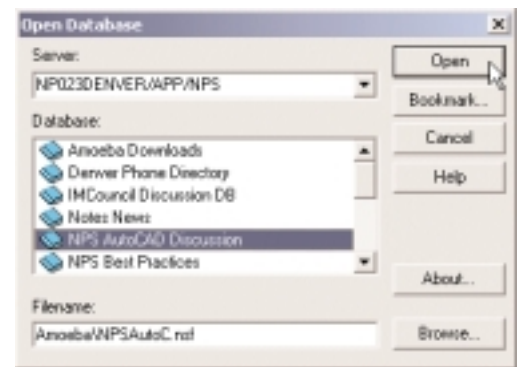
Places to GO

Lotus Notes AutoCAD Discussion Database

Do you have Lotus Notes instead of cc:Mail? If so, you probably miss the bulletin boards. Notes uses Discussion Databases instead. A discussion database is an informal meeting place, where the members of a workgroup can share questions, ideas and comments.

Try the NPS AutoCAD Discussion Database:

1. From the Notes pull-down menu, click **File > Database > Open**.
2. In the Open Database window, change the Server to **NP023DENVER/APP/NPS** and select **Amoeba** from the Database list, then click **Open**.
3. Select **NPS AutoCAD Discussion** from the Database list, then click **Open**.



To create a new document (message), click **New Main Topic**.

To view a document, double click on it.

To create a response to a document, click **New Response** while viewing the document.

